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**COLLECTING FOR THE NEEDY** Two young AmeriCorp volunteers collect non-perishable food items from Jewell Thomason, Hays. Eleven AmeriCorp volunteers went door to door Thursday to collect food for the "Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat" as part of the Hays Community Assistance Program. Dee Strong, director of AmeriCorp, and Jeff Marsh, assistant director of AmeriCorp, said a pickup truck load of food items was collected Thursday night. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

## Decorative 'spirit' alive in community

Marc Menard  
Staff Writer

It's beginning to look a lot like Halloween everywhere one goes, especially in the neighborhoods of Hays. What started out with pumpkin-faced lawn bags and stick-on window decorations has bloomed into the newest holiday trend: Decorating homes for Halloween.

Once thought of as a children's holiday, adults are now celebrating with Halloween spirit as well.

Halloween, an ancient Druid celebration, now typically signifies the start of the holiday season, which includes Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The business of selling Halloween items is booming and, according to a recent survey by the Hallmark greeting card company, Halloween is the second most popular holiday for which Americans decorate their home or office space.

One person who has witnessed the boom in Halloween sales is Carrie Fross, sales clerk at Wal-Mart, 3300 Vine St.

"Every year, I see more and more new items being sold at Halloween. We are selling a lot of stuff," Fross said.

One of the most inexpensive decorating items available is a bag of cob webs. For about a dollar, one can have his/her house looking like it belongs next door to the Munsters on Mockingbird Lane.

"This stuff is cheap and you can probably cover a couple of trees with just one bag of cob webs," Fross said.

Decorating the outside of the home seems to be the newest trend in Halloween decor. Traditional front porches, adorned with carved pumpkins with candles inside, are now joined by homemade zombies, headless ghouls and ghosts living in neighborhood trees.

"People just see decorations around town and come into the store looking for similar items," Fross said. "We help them find what they want or give them ideas for outside decorations."

Local residents Travis and Corina Wiesner are Halloween decorating enthusiasts.

The Wiesner house is converted into a mini cemetery at Halloween, complete with crosses, decapitated mannequin heads and a headless man with a chain saw who sits in a front porch chair.

According to Travis, "We just think of the decorating ideas ourselves. A lot of our props are homemade."

The Wiesners also have four reasons for decorating their home in the gothic style at Halloween, their four boys who range in age from age two to six.

"We really do it for the kids; they seem to enjoy it," Corina said.

The Wiesner house, located at 400 E. 18th St., is quite an attraction to many other school age children, as evidenced by the estimated 200 children who stopped last year at the Wiesner house for trick or treats.

"Just the other day, a bus of preschool children stopped by to take a look," Travis said.

Travis admits his yard may look a bit graphic with decapitated heads and fake blood, but stresses he does not condone violence and his Halloween decor is all done in jest.

One problem he has had to deal with is vandalism. Four of the heads from his lawn have already disappeared. The heads cost approximately \$50 each.

Another Hays resident who takes delight in decorating his yard is Ralph Sigman, 1728 Donald Drive. Sigman.

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## Halloween activities excite kids of all ages

Kari Sparks  
Staff Writer

Kids and kids-at-heart can enjoy activities this Halloween at FHSU and in Hays.

Custer Hall will hold its second annual Dungeon of Doom.

Geared for ages six to adult, 10 rooms will be decorated with "movie type theme scare tactics," Dusty Fulk, Weist Hall resident assistant, said.

"We will have three rooms set aside especially for children," Fulk said.

The scarier rooms will have an exit for the children.

"We'll just scoop them out of there and take the adults ahead," Fulk said. Fulk said the parents can decide whether to take their children with them or not.

Fulk said there will be a "morgue" for the children to walk through. He warns, "one or two bodies may not be quite dead."

The Dungeon of Doom will be open 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tuesday on the first floor of Custer.

Admission is one can of food which

will be donated to the Community Assistance Center.

McMindes Hall will open its floors from 6 to 8 p.m. for trick or treaters.

"There will be people on different floors with their doors open who will pass out candy," Gretchen Bell, McMindes resident assistant, said.

There will also be a contest for the child with the best costume.

The Hays rest homes are also welcoming trick or treaters.

"The residents love anything that has to do with children. They are looking forward to Halloween and

seeing the kids in their costumes," Anne McKean, activities director for the Good Samaritan Center, said.

McKean said the interaction between young and old is beneficial.

"It stimulates both groups," McKean said.

"Last year we had such a good turn-out that we ran out of candy," McKean said.

St. John's Rest Home Corp. will be making cookies for the children and handing out candy to the trick or treaters as well, activities director Troyette Lawson said.

## Spring semester early registration information

Students are to contact their advisers for data entry of their class schedules by the following schedule (Data entry of a class schedule is not possible prior to scheduled time.):

Graduates/Seniors:		Juniors:	
N-Z	Tuesday, Oct. 31	N-Z	Friday, Nov. 3
A-M	Wednesday, Nov. 1	A-M	Monday, Nov. 6
Sophomores:		Freshmen:	
N-Z	Wednesday, Nov. 8	N-Z	Monday, Nov. 13
A-M	Friday, Nov. 10	A-M	Wednesday, Nov. 15

## Administrators address concerns

Melissa Chaffin  
Senate Reporter

Administrators addressed areas of concern at last night's administrative forum.

Student Government Association senators raised issues about class schedules coming out earlier, gender equity in athletics, removal of McGrath Hall, Phase II of Lewis Field (which includes renovation of locker-rooms, replacement of all seating and a new pressbox), increasing computer lab hours in Tomanek Hall, parking improvements and suggestions for funding to purchase a radio station tower to broadcast the campus radio station, KFHS.

Concerns were expressed that Professional Food Management food was "questionable."

Sen. Stacia Gressel, Burton junior, said, "They don't offer a wide variety of meals for vegetarians." Gressel suggested offering an op-

tion for freshmen who live in the residence halls not requiring them to purchase a meal plan or flexicash.

"If people aren't eating there, that would give (PFM) some competition," Gressel said.

President Edward Hammond updated senators on the progress of Sternberg Museum.

"We're intentionally not setting an opening date for Sternberg Museum," Hammond said. "We don't want to open it half done."

SGA Executive Assistant Tom Moody is checking into scheduling a tour of Sternberg for SGA.

Hammond related the university's focus theme on three areas: instruction, research and services. He reported steps toward progress on these goals in his introduction.

**Instruction**

• Significantly increased computer laboratory availability to students

"We probably had more increase in computer services to students in one year than in the nine years I've

been here," Hammond said.

• Continued emphasis on faculty development to enhance teaching abilities.

"One of the issues we are looking at is, 'Is CTELT meeting the faculty needs?'" Hammond said.

• Efforts to assure FHSU degree programs are obtainable in a four-year time-frame.

Only three degree programs are not obtainable in four years: nursing, music and teacher certification. Hammond said these programs may be defined as five-year programs.

He said future students will have a guarantee their program can be completed in four years. The university would pay for a student's extra year if it were responsible for the mistakes in scheduling which lead to the extra year. This would require students to take 14 to 16 credit hours a semester

## Team talks its way into top ten

Kathy Hanson  
Staff Writer

Mastering skills such as reasoning, justification and argumentation has helped two Fort Hays State students rocket into a top ten national ranking for debate.

Brandon Thompson, Seattle junior, and his debate partner Tim Carroll, Topeka sophomore, have earned a national ranking through their victories in debate tournaments this semester.

Two separate polls released the national standings, which place FHSU debaters in direct competition with thousands of other debate teams from more than 300 universities nationwide.

The National Jesuit Round Robin Rankings placed Thompson and Carroll in ninth place, while the National Power Ranking lists them at tenth place.

Eric Krug, director of forensics and debate coach, said, "This is not a

school ranking, it's a team ranking. We're debating the best teams in the country. To be ranked that high is impressive and it is an indicator of what we're capable of doing."

The resolution for this semester's debate team states "Resolved: That the United States should substantially change its foreign policy towards Mexico." The resolution may be ex-

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**A GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE** Student senators preside at an administrative forum in the Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union, Thursday night. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)



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### Staff photographer gains insight from fishing adventure, life

There once was this guy named Matt (that's me) and he was a nice little boy.

He never really caused any problems or made much of a fuss about anything or towards anyone.

One day he was walking down the street in his mild-mannered town and along came this strange man whom Matt had never seen before.

He came up to Matt and said, "Do you know who I am?"

Matt said, "No, who are you?"

The strange man told Matt his name was Super Bob.

He also said he might have something Matt may want to see.

Matt, of course, was very curious and practically begged Super Bob to



**Matthew Hoernicke**  
Photographer

show him.

Eventually, Super Bob gave in to Matt's need to see what he had.

Super Bob slowly opened his large, exceptionally clean hand, and Matt was amazed by what he saw.

As his hand opened, the most brilliant light appeared.

What was the magical light? Was it something good or would it be something bad, maybe even evil?

Finally, when the light died down enough so Matt could see what Super Bob had in his hand, he was surprised and maybe even a little bit shocked.

It was The Magical Fishing Lure. Matt looked at it and thought about it for a while.

Eventually, Matt just had to ask, "What is this supposed to mean to me?"

Bob looked at him oddly and wondered if he had possibly come upon the wrong person, but that didn't seem too likely.

He had never gotten the wrong person in the past. Why would this time be any different?

Matt grabbed The Magical Lure, placed it in his pocket and started to

walk away.

Without any hesitation, Super Bob grabbed Matt and said, "Where do you think you're going?"

Matt replied with a very polite "anywhere but here," thinking it might convince Bob he wanted to leave or at least get away.

"Do you think I did this for my own entertainment?" Bob asked.

"Who knows your outer space freak," Matt said.

"I have come here to give you this magical gift and to take you on a very special trip to Bob's Big Fish Land where this lure will allow you to catch the biggest and best fish in land," Super Bob said.

"Fishing! Fishing? Why fishing?"

Why would anyone want to travel all this way to take me fishing?" Matt asked.

"The world of fishing could prove a very profitable adventure for you, so follow me on this very special journey," Bob said.

Matt finally agreed to follow Super Bob to wherever the magical land was.

So they walked and walked and walked some more until they made it to Bob's Big Fish Land.

"Wow, what a place," thought Matt.

"This is nothing like what I was expecting. Everything is so wonderful and beautiful."

Matt and Super Bob decided to go

fishing and it turned out to be a good idea.

Matt caught the biggest fish he had ever seen.

Matt ended this day with a thank you to Super Bob he strolled away with the biggest fish anyone had ever seen.

Someone from a world record book even came and took his picture.

Super Bob would forever be remembered by Matt, and this day would always be a fond memory.

If you meet a guy named Super Bob, don't hesitate to ask him for the "magical lure," it may change your life.

Perhaps your big fish is lurking just around the corner.

## Editorial

Shifting shadows shone across the helm of the ship as it slipped through the waters.

Alliteration. A poetic artform which almost always ensures pleasurable reading as the words slip off the readers tongue.

As I struggled through a Spanish poem by Jorge Manrique in one of my classes yesterday, the one thing which leapt to my attention was the consistent style and the author's use of alliteration.

Suddenly, a poem which I thought would consist only of painstakingly searching for the English translation of each and every word took on a new meaning for me.

Suddenly, I was working with rhythm, style and purpose. I was comprehending a work of art from another century, another culture and written in another language.

It bridged a gap for me.

Bridging gaps. What a pleasant and necessary theme as the world grows smaller with each passing day.

Phi Sigma Iota currently sponsors a language table every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at various locations in the Memorial Union.

Anyone is invited to come listen to or speak French, German or Spanish. I was excited by the idea. As a Spanish major, the thing I least am able to practice is my speaking.

When I arrived Wednesday, I found three professors present. I was disappointed no students had come.

But I did enjoy watching a French professor struggle to understand the two Spanish professors. I respected her for it. I know it takes effort.

Though I understand Spanish fairly well, I still remember the struggles I used to encounter.

Following graduation, I hope to continue my studies in cultural diversities with an emphasis on the Hispanic/American communities.

I have a lot of respect for all cultures. I am not anti-American. On the contrary, I am proud to be an American. I am proud of all of our customs, our languages, our traditions.

I would love to discover my Hawaiian heritage in the near future. I feel everyone should discover their roots, be it Indian, German, British or any other.

In the interim, I hope to someday bump into a student or two at the Wednesday tables and work on furthering my Hispanic experience.

**Rebecca Schwerdfeger**  
Editor-In-Chief



## Hairy adventure results in spicy day

Have you ever had a bad day? We all have them. You never know when they're coming, but they come regardless.

The day started out innocently enough. I drove out to Plainville to visit one of my student teachers. It was a beautiful day, the sun was out, no wind or rain. I showed up at the school site and the student had called in sick. First time this year, I was told.

Well, no big deal. A 65 mile trip wasn't so bad.

I arrived at the university to teach my next class. I got there with no time to spare.

It was a good class, and I soon forgot about the morning drive. I had a meeting I was supposed to attend directly after class. I got into my car,



**Rock Moore**  
Guest Columnist

turned the ignition and... nothing. No gurr, no grunt, no click, no nothing. My battery was dead. Well, I called the tow service and they told me to wait and they would be there in a few minutes.

Well, I'm sure for the tow driver it was a few minutes. For me, however, a few minutes meant less than fifteen. His was more like 45 minutes.

While waiting for the driver, the wind, which hadn't existed up to that point, decided to arrive.

It came with a blast, and I don't have the shortest hair this side of the Rocky Mountains. After 45 minutes in the wind, I was transformed from a quasi-intellectual looking professor, to a strange looking mad man in a suit with a wild hair-do.

When the tow driver arrived and took one look at me, he wasn't sure whether he wanted to help me or place a call to 911.

He got my car running, but it was too late to go to that meeting so I

drove home to tell my wife about my miserable day. Upon arriving in the alley behind my house, my neighbor came running over.

"Say buddy," he called to me, "have you lost anything?"

I didn't want to be a smart aleck, so I asked him what the problem was. Because of the wind, Irvin had become the proud owner of my patio and picnic paraphernalia.

He very graciously gave it back to me.

When I came in the door, my wife told me the university had called and I had another meeting in about a half hour.

As I said earlier, because of the wind, I looked like a mad man. I decided to try and fix my hair real quick.

I noticed in the past my wife had used a spray bottle and sprayed water on her hair.

I thought, "Hey, I can do that!"

I entered the bathroom, saw the bottle and started spraying my hair to get it wet. Suddenly, something didn't smell right.

Unfortunately, that something was me. This was not her water bottle, it was her ammonia, alcohol and solution bottle for making the bathroom

look nice and shiny. I then smelled

like a janitor in a drum, but I was in a suit. My hair wasn't wild. I looked acceptable and I smelled sanitizingly clean.

I went to the meeting trying hard not to get too close to anyone. I arrived back home and thought, after a day like that one, I deserved to reward myself.

I made a large bowl of non-fat vanilla ice cream. I loaded it up with boysenberry preserves to make it tasty. I topped it off with a generous portion of cinnamon just to give it that just right flavor.

After all that had transpired this day, I needed a sweet treat. I went and sat in front of the television, took a bite of my ice cream and wham!

It was as if something reached out and grabbed my taste buds. My mouth was down for the count.

That cinnamon I had put on my ice cream wasn't cinnamon at all.

It was cajon spice for fish and poultry.

It summed up, in one bite, the kind of day I had had.

I decided to go to bed early. The next day had to be a better day.

*Editor's note: Rock Moore is an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction.*

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### Revised class schedule for November 2

30 min. class	Revised version	75 min. class	Revised version
7:30-8:20	7:30-8:10	7:30-8:45	7:30-8:30
8:30-9:20	8:20-9:00	9:05-10:20	8:30-9:30
9:30-10:20	9:10-9:50		
		*Free period from 10:00 to 10:50*	
10:30-11:20	11:00-11:40	10:30-11:45	11:00-12:00
11:30-12:20	11:20-12:00	12:05-1:20	12:30-1:30
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## BRIEFS

## Security ushers

Urgent! Security usher applications are being accepted for the Sawyer Brown concert Nov. 11.

For more information, contact the University Activities Board office at 628-5081 or Thomas Owen 625-2268.

## Nixon, Watergate

The Protestant Campus Center will hold its ninth forum of "Heretics, History and Holiness" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the center, 507 Elm St.

Paul Basinski, assistant professor of political science, will present the topic "Nixon and Watergate: America's distrust of politics."

The forum is free.

## Yearbook

Anyone who has not picked up his/her Reveille yearbook can do so in Picken 104.

Books are free to 1994-1995 full-time students.

## Rodeo Club

The Rodeo Club meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Fort Hays State Rodeo Grounds through Nov. 21.

After this date, the club will meet at the Livestock Pavilion (indoor arena) .75 miles north of Exit 157.

## Interviews

Sign-ups will be available Tuesday for interviews with the following companies: American Fidelity Insurance Company, Nov. 13; Nash Finch Company, Nov. 14; and Natural Resources Conservation Services, Nov. 15.

For more information, contact Career Development and Placement Services at 628-4260.

## Washington, D.C.

Anyone interested in going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January may attend a meeting at the Catholic Campus Center, 506 W. 6th St., at 8:30 p.m. Monday.

## Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up for and work a haunted house on campus on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Set up times are 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and volunteers will meet north of the auditorium, Custer Hall.

For more information, contact Louisa at 628-5656 or Donna at 628-5635.

## Blood drive

The FHSU Blood Drive will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, and Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Stand up Oct. 25 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

For more information, contact Marie Mein at 623-4178.

## Conference plans 'add up'

Laurie Bean  
Staff Writer

The Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics (KATM) is meeting at Fort Hays State this weekend for its annual state conference. This year marks the first year the conference will be in Western Kansas.

Elton Beougher, professor of mathematics and computer science, is the conference chair-person.

"Previous to this year, the association board felt the community of Hays didn't have enough facilities to accommodate a group this large."

Beougher expects between 800 and 1,500 teachers to attend.

This year's state conference will be on campus in Rarick Hall. The conference runs from 4 p.m. Friday until 10 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is geared towards mathematics instructors, however, Beougher added, it is open to the public. Education students, both math and elementary, are encouraged to attend.

Registration is required by anyone who plans to attend the conference. On-site registration begins at 2 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday in the lobby of the Memorial Union. The fee for registration is \$40 for instructors and the public and \$15 for full-time undergraduates.

Beougher is impressed with the amount of support he has received in preparing for the conference. "I've had a great deal of cooperation on campus."

"The Hays Visitors Bureau also helped by working with local hotels to provide accommodations for out-of-town guests."

Beougher also noted most of FHSU's mathematics faculty is speaking at the conference.

Included in the conference are numerous lectures, several workshops, an exhibit in the Memorial Union's South Cafeteria and a special function at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union.

Beougher expressed optimism for this year's conference. "It's a good one. We have a good program."



**STUDY SESSION** Eric Krug, debate coach, and Brandon Thompson, Hays junior, work hard as they prepare their material for future debates Monday night. (University Leader photo by Fred Hunt)

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## Intramural Action

Friday- Co-Rec 16" Softball Tournament

Entries due by noon

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service, has been decorating his front yard with a huge lighted pumpkin face for the last two years.

The pumpkin is actually an orange percale covering, which hides a machine doubling as Sigman's Christmas carousel.

The mechanical gadgetry Sigman uses for his pumpkin and carousel is made out of homemade parts, including chicken wire meshing and a discarded satellite dish painted green to give the pumpkin its stem.

Setting up the pumpkin at Halloween allows Sigman to get a jump start on his Christmas decorating, which takes approximately three to four weeks.

"This way I can get my carousel set up and then start laying the tracks for my train by Thanksgiving," Sigman said.

Sigman enjoys decorating his house for the holidays, whether it be Halloween or Christmas, although he prefers a more traditional Halloween with a simple pumpkin.

"I'm really not much into witches and ghosts. Last year I had some hay bales and a scarecrow set up," Sigman said.

With enthusiasts like the Wiesner family and Sigman, perhaps one day touring homes at Halloween will be just as much fun as it is at Christmas.

**Radio Kansas, 90.9 FM,  
will play Halloween mood  
music Oct. 29 from 10  
p.m. to 12 a.m.**

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and follow the advisor's direction.

"We want to make sure any student that comes to Fort Hays can graduate in four years," Hammond said.

**Research**

• Tomanek Hall provides expanded research opportunities for faculty and students.

• Library funding was increased from three sources: Kansas legislature, Other Operating Expenses (OOE) budget and at the institutional level.

• Hammond said he is interested in entering into a partnership with SGA in setting aside funds for student research projects.

**Services**

• Establishing and continuing "The Ride," which is a service provided to students who have been drinking and are unable to drive home.

• Memorial Union and possible changes in services provided.

"It's not that the building is totally worn out, but we need to look at what the Memorial Union is and what it should be," Hammond said.

"One of the issues we're looking at is room needed for student office space, not for student government but for other organizations."

Johnny Williams, vice president for administration and finance,

said he has been working on issues brought up from the campus safety walk.

"We're talking seriously about the intersection down by Stroup (Hall)," Williams said.

"We're going to take a look at some measures that are less expensive."

He said lighting in a number of areas on campus will soon increase.

"Once Tomanek Hall is fully operational...that will significantly illuminate lighting on campus," Williams said.

Williams has also been working with a recycling task force and will have a plan to the president on Dec. 1 outlining a plan for more recycling on campus.

Provost Rodolfo Arévalo said a report comparing Forsyth Library to peer institutions' libraries shows significant improvements in resources.

"Our library is competitive with our peers and we are astronomically far ahead of our peers in accessibility," Hammond said.

Rather than have access to hard copies of journals, some faculty have opted for accessibility to journals by computer.

Karl Metzger, director of financial assistance, discussed legislative action in Washington, D.C., related to student financial aid.

## War-torn family endures peaks and valleys

Jessica R. Sadowsky  
Entertainment Reporter

When the Civil War comes to the Anderson family farm in the Shenandoah Valley, Charlie Anderson finds he cannot isolate himself from the war's harshness.

This is the main conflict in "Shenandoah," a long-running New York musical drama, which will be presented as part of Fort Hays State's Encore Series at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for the event are on sale at the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union. Reserved tickets are \$21 for the general public; \$19 for

senior citizens and those 18 and under; and \$17 for FHSU students.

Unreserved tickets are \$17 for the general public; \$15 for senior citizens and those 18 and under, and \$13 for FHSU students.

According to I.B. Dent, special events coordinator, tickets for this show on Broadway would cost about \$30.

"This is a quality Broadway show for a reasonable price."

"It would make a great date. Instead of going to a movie it's something different, a special night out," Dent said.

"This is a show that hasn't been done very often and there are a lot of people who have not seen it."

"Shenandoah" is a story of one

family's experiences, a portrayal of the upheaval caused by the Civil War according to a press release.

Despite his confidence he could hold the outside world at bay, the war does enter Charlie's life when his 14-year-old son is kidnapped by soldiers. Charlie then realizes he cannot ignore the event happening around him.

"Shenandoah" is not all melancholy. The musical score is scattered with lively songs ranging from hymns to lullabies and country music to love songs.

According to Dent, "It is a great Broadway musical with great actors and actresses."

"It's an excellent opportunity to see a touring road show with the lights, orchestra pit and wonderful set."

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## Fall Frolics . . .

(Photos clockwise from above.)

**FAIR CATCH** Jason Channell, Concordia junior, engages in a game of catch by Agnew Hall Wednesday. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

**LOOK...** Diana Klaus, receptionist in the chemistry and geoscience department, and her granddaughter Cassie Smith, stop to rest on the fountain outside Picken Hall yesterday afternoon. Cassie is the daughter of Tony and Kelly Smith of Hays. (University Leader photo by Chris Jeter)

**GATHERING NUTS** Ashley and Sharity Allen gather acorns in front of Picken Hall Monday afternoon for a school project. Ashley and Sharity are the daughters of Debbie Allen, campus custodian. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)

**WIMBLEDON, HERE I COME!** Matt Maciel, Garden City freshman, returns a serve during a ping-pong match in the Agnew Hall lounge Wednesday afternoon. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

**DIVE BOMBER** Pigeons invaded the recently drained fountain outside Picken Hall Thursday. (University Leader photo by Chris Jeter)





# Shanahan keeps on truckin' as college continues

Rod Smith  
Staff Writer



Jason  
Shanahan

"Lately it occurs to me, what a long, strange trip it's been..."

At one time, all Jason Shanahan wanted to do was run for Adams State College.

But that was when he was in high school.

Now that he runs for Fort Hays State, the junior from tiny Elizabeth, Colo., likes to beat Adams State every chance he gets.

"Adams State...to run for them was my high school aspiration," Shanahan, who was an all-state runner his senior year, said.

At the time, ASC had one of, if not, the best cross country program in the nation.

But after receiving a fateful phone call from the coach at Adams State, who told Shanahan he would basi-

cally be "warming the bench" for the Indians, Shanahan turned spiteful.

Well, as spiteful as this quiet and unassuming physical education major seems to get.

"I started looking around for other teams that were in the same conference," Shanahan said. "If I couldn't run for them, at least I could run against them...sort of a spiteful type thing," Shanahan said and then laughed.

This season, Shanahan has not only been able to compete against the Adams State runners, he has dominated them.

Granted, Adams State doesn't have the nationally ranked team it once did, but Shanahan is not the same runner he once was either.

"...knocked down, sometimes I'm wearin' thin..."

When Shanahan first came to FHSU in the fall of 1993, he had mononucleosis. As a result, he wasn't having too much fun running.

"I had a really bad attitude my freshman year when I came here," Shanahan admitted. "I was running slow, and I didn't know if I even wanted to pursue running."

But Shanahan, who has been running since he was 10, stuck it out. And, despite having what he himself called a "sub-par" year as a sophomore, Shanahan has shown immense

all-RMAC performer, ever.

"...and get back truckin' on..."  
Krob believes Shanahan's improvement as a runner is a reflection of his improvement in two other

**"I really had a bad attitude my freshman year. I was running slow and I didn't know if I wanted to pursue running."**

Jason Shanahan

improvement this season.

Last year, his highest placing was 14th at the FHSU Invitational. This year, the soft-spoken Shanahan has been the team leader for the senior-less Tiger squad.

In seven meets, Shanahan has six top 10 finishes, including a first place finish at the Colorado College Invitational and last week's all-RMAC finish.

According to Cross Country Coach Jim Krob, Shanahan's performance a week ago made him the first men's

areas...self-confidence and mileage. "Jason's got good speed, and he's got good endurance," Krob said. "That's a great mix."

Shanahan himself attributed his recent successes to high summer mileage and a change in attitude.

"I run a lot of miles in the summer. I put in 90 plus miles a week in July," Shanahan said. "Not because I'm so gung-ho, but it's just what I like to do. And, it helps out in the fall with cross country."

He said he runs mostly by himself,

not because he is a loner, but simply because he doesn't know too many people in McKinney, Texas, where his parents now live.

As for his change in attitude, Shanahan said, "If you're not too serious about it, I think it's a lot more fun, and you'll probably perform a little bit better."

To see Shanahan is indeed having fun, one needs only to take a peek under his ball cap. Before last month's K-State Invitational, Shanahan changed his hair color from "plain old" brown to "bleach white" blonde, just for the heck of it.

A fan of the Grateful Dead and Jimmy Buffet, Shanahan jokingly attributed his change in hair color to watching "too many MTV videos."

But don't mistake Shanahan's radiant locks for a lack of goals or aspirations.

His current goal is for both cross country teams to qualify for the National meet in Spartanburg, South Carolina, something which won't come easily.

"That's a real up hill battle," Shanahan said, "because there's only three teams going (from the South

Central Regional), and three of the teams in the region are ranked in the top 5 (nationally)."

Shanahan admitted it would take "incredible efforts from all the guys," but still holds out hope.

"We're very much underdogs going in. That's the attitude we need to have. We have everything to gain."

As for qualifying for Nationals individually, Shanahan said it was possible but doesn't like to think about it too much.

"It's a team sport, so you'd rather your team went with you."

*Editor's note: Italicized phrases are lyrics from a song by one of Shanahan's favorite groups the Grateful Dead.*



## Tigers to face Colorado Mines

Marc Menard  
Staff Writer

It's back to Colorado this week for the Fort Hays State Tigers as they face the Colorado School of Mines Orediggers in Golden, Colo., tomorrow.

The banged up Tigers, who narrowly escaped out of Alamosa last weekend with a 50-47 win over Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference foe Adams State, hope to recuperate in time to continue their battle for first place in the RMAC.

The Tigers are 6-1-1 overall in the 1995 season and 4-0 in RMAC play as they remain in a three-way tie for first with Chadron State and Western State.

According to Head Coach Bob Cortese and his Tigers, it's time to get down to business as they head down the home stretch of the RMAC season.

"It would be devastating for us to go to Denver and not take care of business," Cortese said.

Nagging injuries have slowed the Tigers a bit, but Cortese admits his Tigers will be ready when they take the field against the last place Orediggers.

Tiger quarterback Shawn Behr, who missed three offensive series last week due to a hip pointer, is expected to

play Saturday.

Also questionable, because of injury, for Saturday's game is receiver Kahn Powell.

It's that time of the season when everybody gets beat up a little bit," Cortese said.

The Orediggers are strong on defense, but have struggled with inconsistency on offense, according to Cortese, and not a team the Tigers can afford to take lightly as they battle for the RMAC title.

Cortese cited three games, against Chadron State, Mesa State and Adams State where the Orediggers were ahead

in the contest only to lose it later in the game.

"I think they are a decent team. They seem to keep finding a way to lose every week," Cortese said.

The Tigers continue to prepare for each opponent, one week at a time, and want to avoid any letdowns similar to last week.

"We want to be prepared to play. Adams State gave us more than we wanted last week and they almost beat us," Cortese said.

Kickoff for Saturday's game against the Orediggers, is set for 2 p.m. Central Daylight Time.



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## Tiger volleyball team to battle Chadron and Colorado Mines

Ali Moore  
Staff Writer

The Lady Tiger volleyball team is on the road once again to play

its last two regional conference matches of the season today and tomorrow.

The Tigers will battle against Chadron State College at 8 p.m. Fri-

day. The Tigers will then travel to Golden, Colo. to face the Colorado School of Mines at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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